

# CROKER CALLS MAZET A ROBBER; QUIGG CUBE OF A VACUUM SEN LOW MASHES TAMMANY HALL AND PRAISES MAZET.

## HOW LEADERS SAY THE VOTE WILL BE DIVIDED ON ELECTION DAY.

### Republican Prediction.

Total vote in Manhattan and the Bronx will be about.....260,000  
Republicans and independents will cast, as last year.....105,000  
The vote cast for the labor ticket will not be less than.....30,000  
This will give a fusion victory by no less a plurality than.....10,000  
Of the thirty-five Assembly districts we will carry.....11  
Prediction made by Chairman Quigg, of the Republican County Committee.

### Democratic Prediction.

The total vote in Manhattan and the Bronx will be about.....260,000  
The entire anti-Tammany vote will not be less than.....100,000  
The labor vote will be divided on the old political lines.....60,000  
Tammany will win by a plurality of not less than.....30,000  
Of the thirty-five Assembly districts Tammany is sure of.....30  
Prediction of Charles P. Bacon, statistician of the Democratic State Committee.

## LOW OPPOSES THE RIVALS IN THE WORK OF MAZET. M CULLAGH FIELD

Shafts of Wit Levelled at Tammany, "Parody of Democracy."

### "RULE BY A SYNDICATE."

"It's a Government of the People, by an Organization, for the Leaders."

"Tammany Hall is the most monstrous parody on Democratic institutions of which I have ever heard."

"Tammany Hall destroys the ideals of young men. The most pitiable thing connected with it is that it compels a young man to sell his soul at the threshold of his career."

"Tammany Hall destroys the independence of the city officials. It is the most pestiferous influence at I know of in the United States at the present time."

"No one can get a contract who doesn't line that great pocket."

President Low, of Columbia University, used these sentences in talking to a sympathetic audience in Cooper Union last night. It was at the mass meeting held under the auspices of the Republican Club to each man or woman, as he or she went down the stairs into the hall, there was handed a pamphlet with the title: "Confessions of Croker." The pamphlet was neatly bound. It suited the audience very well.

The "Confessions" was the address in verse formulated by the Republican Club. Chauncey M. Depew had been asked to preside over the meeting. Former District Attorney William M. K. O'Connell took the place, as the Senator was detained in Washington. Depew's regrets to the spectators—and there were signs of sadness which a very powerful orchestra were not able to entirely erase.

### Cheers for Mr. Low.

Mr. O'Connell was interrupted by the entrance of President Low. Every one cheered. The orchestra broke loose. When quiet was restored Mr. O'Connell praised the Ford Franchise law "because it brought the burden of taxation where it belonged—on him who profits most by the franchise." He also said that this law was not a determination whether it would be possible to put a non-partisan city government in 1901. Senator Elberg praised Roosevelt, and said that if Tammany Hall were not shown this city "would become a by-word in every community in the civilized world."

President Low received a tremendous ovation when he was introduced by Mr. O'Connell. He bowed for five minutes. Then he referred feelingly to the campaign of 1897.

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West Siders Will Hunt Down Colonizers Without Looking to Him for Aid Either in Catching Them or in Their Prosecution.

All the glory that may come with the detection of repeaters and the general purification of the ballotbox for partisan purposes will not rest upon the shield of Superintendent of Elections McCullagh upon and after November 7.

He has a determined rival in the field—one that will not stop until every man whom it thinks has registered or voted illegally has been tried in a court of justice and either acquitted or sent to Sing Sing.

The West Side Republican Club is behind this move. It has been at work since the last day of registration and is bowling along now from hour to hour with its sub-committee and its squad of "trained examiners," as it calls them, although not for the want of a better name, but because they are very quiet and do not wish either the McCullagh deputies or the police to interfere with their labors.

The field of action is in the Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first districts. One of the men behind the move said yesterday:

"We have the influence, the money and the ability to push this thing to a conclusion and to effectually stop the practice of illegal voting, at least in the upper West Side respectable districts, from this year on for all time."

It will make no difference to us who wins or whether the men we catch be Republicans or Democrats. There has, of course, always been repeating and other crooked work down town in the lower and more ignorant wards; but we will not have such tactics up here.

The Campaign Committee which had this matter in charge met in the West Side Republican Club house on Monday night to receive the report of the men who had been in the employ of the club since the last day of registration. The report of these "trained examiners" was of a startling nature. It was a sub-committee of seven was at once appointed with counsel to see the affair through to the end.

The personnel of the sub-committee shows its calling. It is made up of J. Edgar Lyons, chairman; J. C. Pampally, Charles N. Taintor, Julius H. Seymour, Frank

Brainerd, Frank H. Kohler, John Elderkin and John G. Coleman. Philip Carpenter was appointed counsel.

This committee was given full powers to make any investigations it should see fit to make and take such action as to it should seem proper, with the certainty that it would be backed up.

All of Tuesday morning was spent in consultation with Mr. Carpenter, who was formerly the Assistant District Attorney under W. M. K. O'Connell, and he was retained to prosecute the cases to a conclusion.

The report which was made to this sub-committee showed three classes of cases:

1. Men who had registered in the district who had no possible right to cast a vote anywhere in this city.

2. Men who apparently had a right to vote somewhere else in New York, but who claimed a thirty-day residence in the district.

3. Men who had registered in the names and from the residences of bona fide residents of the district, who had not themselves registered.

This third class cannot be touched until they shall try to vote. Each suspected individual case is now under investigation and reports to the sub-committee are being made literally from hour to hour.

The position of the men who are on this sub-committee are a guarantee of what will be done. Frank Brainerd is formerly president of the club and of the Produce Exchange. John Elderkin is vice-president of the club and of the Lotus Club as well.

Charles N. Taintor was formerly a police magistrate. The others are equally prominent.

Superintendent McCullagh got a half a hundred or so warrants from various police magistrates yesterday. He didn't make any arrests, but contented himself with having before him many of the keepers of some of the law hotels and saloon keepers from the Eighth and Nineteenth districts. He cross-examined them at length on their rooms and boarders, and he got a lot of explaining besides much sitting around.

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## CROKER TO HEAR LAST GUESSES.

Leaders Called On to Make Final Estimates To-morrow.

Richard Croker has called his district leaders together for a final conference to-morrow. At the meeting reports will be submitted from each Assembly district as to the vote that is expected to be polled, together with the majorities Tammany counts upon realizing. Deputy Leader John F. Carroll said yesterday that if the reports at Friday's meeting coincided with those being received daily, the Democratic majority in the county would be fully as large as it was a year ago, and might exceed it.

The figures show, too, that at least thirty-one of the thirty-five candidates for Assembly and nine of the ten candidates for Municipal Court Justices are pretty sure of election.

The Russian-American Democratic Association has come out for all the Tammany candidates.

The Horatio Seymour Club, organized by Frank J. Goodwin and Thomas F. Smith as a rival to John C. Sheehan's, is now holding its headquarters at the Hotel Hamilton, where it will hold its final Assembly District meeting for the campaign on Saturday evening at Eighth avenue and Twenty-fourth street.

Expense State Elections Bureau.  
1898.....\$100,000  
Warrants obtained.....400  
Arrests made.....283  
Dismissed by Grand Jury.....189  
Dismissed by Magistrates.....189  
Indictments obtained.....5  
Convictions.....5  
Cost to State for each conviction.....\$80,000

"Why we not have a asphalt pavement Grand Jury? Why not have a Grand Jury? Because Judge Cooley live on a day fifth av."—SIGNOR GALANTE, of the Twelfth.

CITY CLUB ASKS AID OF GARDINER. District-Attorney Requested to Serve as a Watcher on Election Day.

"I have not yet received an official copy of the charges made against me," said District-Attorney Gardiner yesterday, "and until I do I will not make any statement in reply."

The City Club has not preferred charges against me. As a body the City Club dropped these charges two months ago, and I was so informed at the time. Those who signed these charges now sent to the Governor may be members of the club, but they are not acting for the club.

Yesterday I received a copy of a printed circular, asking me to act as a watcher for the club on Election Day. The circular was sent by Everett P. Wheeler to me as a reputable citizen. I am not a member of the club, but I am evidently regarded by it as a reputable citizen."

Depew to Speak on East Side. Senator Chauncey M. Depew is to invade Timothy Dwyer Sullivan's bailiwick to-night. He is to address the James E. March Association of the Sixth Assembly District, and members of the Local Republican Club as well. A parade under the leadership of Charles R. West will escort Senator Depew. William J. O'Brien, the fusion candidate for Sheriff, and John J. Everett Hall, there will be lots of music and fireworks.

Trying to win a campaign with mouth music alone is like trying to play poker with a pinhole deck.—JOHN SULLIVAN.

## "QUIGG, THE CUBE OF A VACUUM."

That Is Croker's Idea of Platt's County Chairman.

### HE CALLS MAZET NAMES.

Declares Tracy "a Nice Man," but "Too Dead to Know What's Going On."

"Mazet is a liar and a robber."

"Tracy is a nice old man, whom I got to make a respectable figure-head for his law firm. He is so dead or dense that he knows nothing of what is going on."

These are a few of the compliments hurled by Richard Croker yesterday at the chairman of the Platt Investigating Committee, General Benjamin F. Tracy, the head of the Platt law firm, and Quigg, the nominal chief of the Platt County Committee. They were provoked by Mazet's attack upon the Tammany chief in a speech the night before, by General Tracy's testimony before the committee yesterday and by Quigg's daily digest of what he thinks of Croker.

A Journal reporter first showed Mr. Croker the charge made by Mazet that Croker tried to sell Consolidated Gas stock at 150, when the market price was only 135, and threatened to defeat the Astoria Gas bill if he did not get the price demanded.

"That is a lie and Mazet knew it was a lie when he uttered it," exclaimed Mr. Croker angrily, as he paced the floor of his room at Tammany Hall. "I never saw Mazet until I became a witness before the committee of which he is chairman."

But Mazet says that Andrew Freedman, acting for him, went to the officers of the Consolidated Company and tried to sell New Amsterdam stock with the understanding that if the Consolidated bought it no opposition would be offered by you to the passage of the Astoria bill."

More Harsh Names.

"That is another lie and Mazet knows it to be a lie. What's the use, though, of replying to a liar and one who proved himself to be a robber from the moment he introduced that Astoria stock? None but a robber would have introduced such a job as that. I offered no opposition to the Astoria bill until I learned the city was to be sold. The moment I learned the city was to be sold, I offered no opposition to the Astoria bill. I am glad to say our efforts were successful. It was a gigantic job. True, Mazet acted on my behalf. I repeat that any man who would act as he did and has is a liar and a robber."

General Tracy, before the Mazet committee to-day, swore Mr. Croker is reported in the public press as having stated that my firm sent a large sum of money to Albany to control legislation. I don't believe Mr. Croker made the remark as it was published. If he did it is a grave falsehood."

"I did make that statement, and I reiterate it," said Mr. Croker. "I said I had it upon the most reliable authority that this firm had sent \$300,000 at least through the Astoria Gas bill and other legislation in which the firm was interested last winter. I believed it then; I believe it now."

Tracy "Nice but Dead."

"Now, I have nothing personally against General Tracy. He is a nice old man, whom Platt got to make a respectable figure-head for his law firm. He is so dead or so dense that he knows nothing of what is going on. Boardman and the young Platts are, of course, the pets of the Senate. I presume they do not tell General Tracy every time they send money to Albany or elsewhere for illegitimate purposes."

Boardman and Platt did send money to Albany last winter to influence legislation, and I am prepared to prove it."

"Perhaps General Tracy thought he was telling the truth to the Mazet committee. But I very much fear he does not know he is telling the truth or what other members of his firm have been doing."

"You also remember saying the firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt had sent a large sum of money to Albany to control the State recently to make sure of control of the next Legislature?"

"I have said that and I repeat it now. I have said it, and I say it again, that the firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt really constitutes the Republican party of the State and city of New York. It has absolute control of what is left of it and owns it."

"You have seen Chairman Quigg's statement claiming a majority in this county for the fusion county ticket?"

"Quigg? Quigg? Why, Quigg is only the cub of a vacuum. He is a vacuum. That is all he knows about it. We will elect our whole ticket, and if Quigg keeps barking and the Mazet committee keeps howling, we will elect our whole ticket. I will come very near carrying every Assembly district in the county."

Andrew Freedman was also very vigorous in his denials of the Mazet charges.

"I never made any such offer to the Consolidated Company as Mazet refers to. It is a falsehood from beginning to end. I will willingly go before the committee again and say so. Mazet is a candidate for re-election. He realizes that he is practically beaten and therefore in desperation resorts to false charges to bolster him up."

GRAY DENIES THE STORY OF ROMANELLI. Produces the Mazet Witness's Own Affidavits to Prove the Denial.

John Morrissey Gray, Democratic candidate for Register of Kings County, writes to the Journal denying the story told by John Romanelli before the Mazet Committee. Mr. Gray says he never took money from Romanelli, directly or indirectly; his son James never accepted any money from Romanelli, and says he never gave him any money.

In proof, he furnishes copies of two affidavits which Romanelli signed on August 12 last. In these affidavits Romanelli swears he never received any money from the Grays—father or son. On the witness stand Romanelli testified he had signed two affidavits, but said he did it simply to get back \$375 which he had paid Gray for political privileges which Gray could not deliver.



IOWANS TAKE TO THEIR CYCLONE CELLARS. ROOSEVELT—I did not intend to frighten you. I am, on the contrary, a very kind man. By the way, I am now Governor of New York.

## CITIZENS' UNION IS CLAMORING FOR RAPID TRANSIT FOR RAPID TRANSIT IS HAPPY NOW. TONS OF CAMPAIGN PAPERS IN 19TH.

Leaders Told to Urge Voters to Support the Amendment. "The" Confident He'll Win by at Least 1,800 Plurality. The Letter Carriers Overworked Distributing Literature.

The Citizens' Union leaders followed the example set them yesterday by Chairman Danforth, of the Democratic State Committee, in declaring that rapid transit for Greater New York is an issue, and that voters ought to support it at the polls.

Chairman Odell, of the Republican State Committee, after reading Controller Cole's appeal, wrote an acknowledgment, with a rigid statement that his request would receive "due consideration."

When Odell was asked last night if his reply to Controller Cole was to be accepted as evidence that the Republican party would oppose rapid transit for this city he replied:

"Why, no. We shall not oppose the constitutional amendment as a party. Had we opposed it we could have become a law. The constitutional amendment will meet with little opposition up the State, unless from Democrats."

"We have not deemed it necessary to send explicit instructions to county leaders, because we have regarded the passage of the amendment as assured. Then, too, there are other matters of quite as great importance which interest the voters."

"Then if the amendment is defeated the Republicans will assume no responsibility for it."

"I do not know why they should, or why they should be awake nights dreaming about it," added Chairman Odell.

Chairman E. R. L. Gould, of the Citizens' Union Campaign Committee, was so impressed by Controller Cole's argument that he yesterday sent to every Citizen Union district leader a request that the need of rapid transit be brought to the attention of the voters and that they be urged to support the amendment.

A man's home is with his wife, whether he is separated from her or not, if he votes the Tammany ticket.—JOHN M'CULLAGH.

Gardiner to Answer Slicer. At the ratification meeting of the Thirtieth Assembly District, to be held to-night at the Old Homestead, Third Avenue and Ninetieth Street, District-Attorney Gardiner will answer the charges made against him by Dominic Slicer and other members of the City Club.

Little Bits of Politics. Henry George will preside at a mass-meeting of the Independent Labor Party in Scholastic Hall, Brooklyn, to-morrow night. A Democratic mass-meeting will be held to-morrow night at Washington Hall, One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Everybody invited.

Tammany has issued an appeal to the voters of the West Side to vote for Judge O'Donovan, one of its candidates for Supreme Court, and a warning not to scratch Justice Barrett under the impression that his election is assured.

Notice was given at Tammany Hall yesterday that a non-partisan meeting would be held in Cooper Union on Saturday night in opposition to the Independent Labor Party.

Modesty in claiming victory is not one of the attributes of Thomas J. McManus, Independent Democratic and Republican candidate for the Assembly from the Fifteenth District. He says he will be elected by between 1,500 and 1,800 majority, and that he will carry the election district of George Plunkitt, the Tammany leader.

"The" McManus, as Thomas J. is called, is waging a red-hot campaign. He served two terms in the Assembly. In 1891 he was the candidate of the County Democracy and endorsed by Tammany Hall. In 1892 he was the candidate of the Voorhees Democracy. Tammany Hall refused to endorse him, but he got the Republican endorsement and won. Senator Plunkitt was blamed for the refusal of Tammany to endorse him, but he got the Republican endorsement and won. Senator Plunkitt was blamed for the refusal of Tammany to endorse him, but he got the Republican endorsement and won.

"How did you come to get the Republican endorsement this year?" he was asked yesterday.

"I didn't get it," was the reply. "It came to me. The Republicans had no candidate. They knew that I have a better organization in this district than Tammany Hall has, even if I haven't got the money. I and all her boys—she has nine of them—were all voters and are more or less vivid talkers, and all want to see Thomas J. in the Assembly."

A picturesque figure in the campaign is the mother of the candidate. She is present at all the McManus conferences, addresses her son in his moves and deists, and when she gets out to electioneer on the Sunday before election the opposing side retires. Mrs. McManus is proud of Thomas J. and of all her boys—she has nine of them—all are voters and are more or less vivid talkers, and all want to see Thomas J. in the Assembly."

The polling places in the district may witness scenes of turbulence on election day. Mr. Bidwell says he will have from 15 to 20 watchers at each polling place; add to these the Tammany watchers, the Citizens' Union watchers, the McCullagh men and the police and it is hard to see how the well meaning voter is going to get much of a chance to break through and deposit his ballot.

Some supporters of Mr. Stewart are claiming his election by a majority of 3,000. Tammany Mazet's managers expect a close contest. It is to win this fight it must be made effective.

Mr. Parsons, the Democratic manager of Tammany Hall, fired as many of them as of one-man power, if the fusion ticket offers candidates who are genuine Democrats. It is to win this fight it must be made effective.

William J. O'Brien, the anti-Tammany candidate for Sheriff, and John M. Parsons, of the Knights of Labor, issued typewritten letters yesterday. Here are extracts from them:

O'Brien—Tammany Hall claims the credit of fathering twenty-nine important labor laws. Every one of them was passed by Republican Legislatures. Tammany has ignored the law that provides that labor organized on public works shall be paid no less than the prevailing rate of wages.

Mr. Parsons—To the Democratic masses of Tammany Hall, fired as many of them as of one-man power, if the fusion ticket offers candidates who are genuine Democrats. It is to win this fight it must be made effective.

I will do my talking election.—Thomas

TELEPHONE Your "Want" Adverts. to the Journal. Ask Central for 4901 Cortlandt (until 11 p. m.). Brooklyn call, Main (until 10 p. m.).